

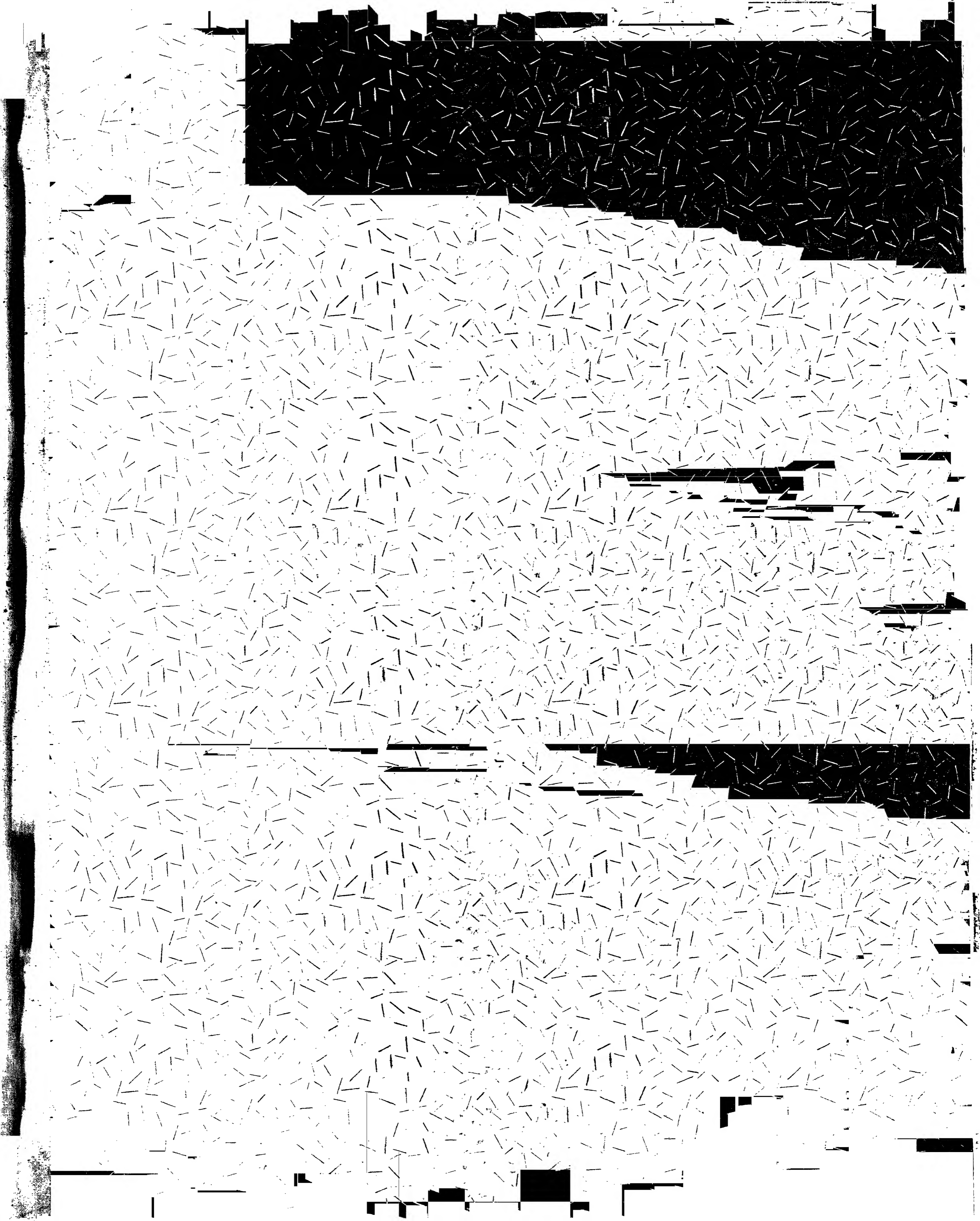
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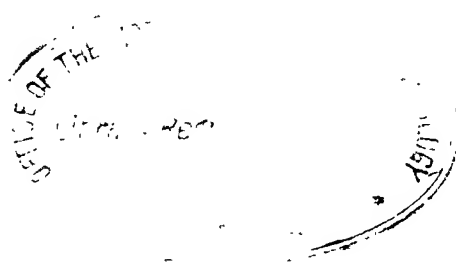
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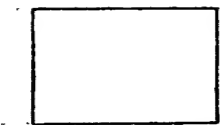
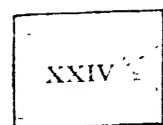
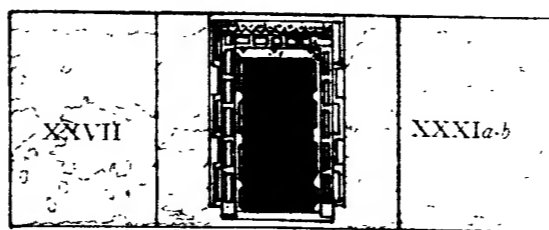
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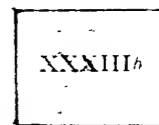
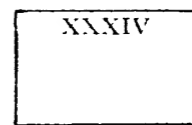
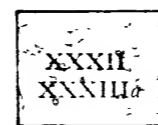
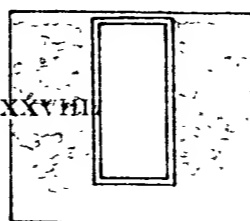
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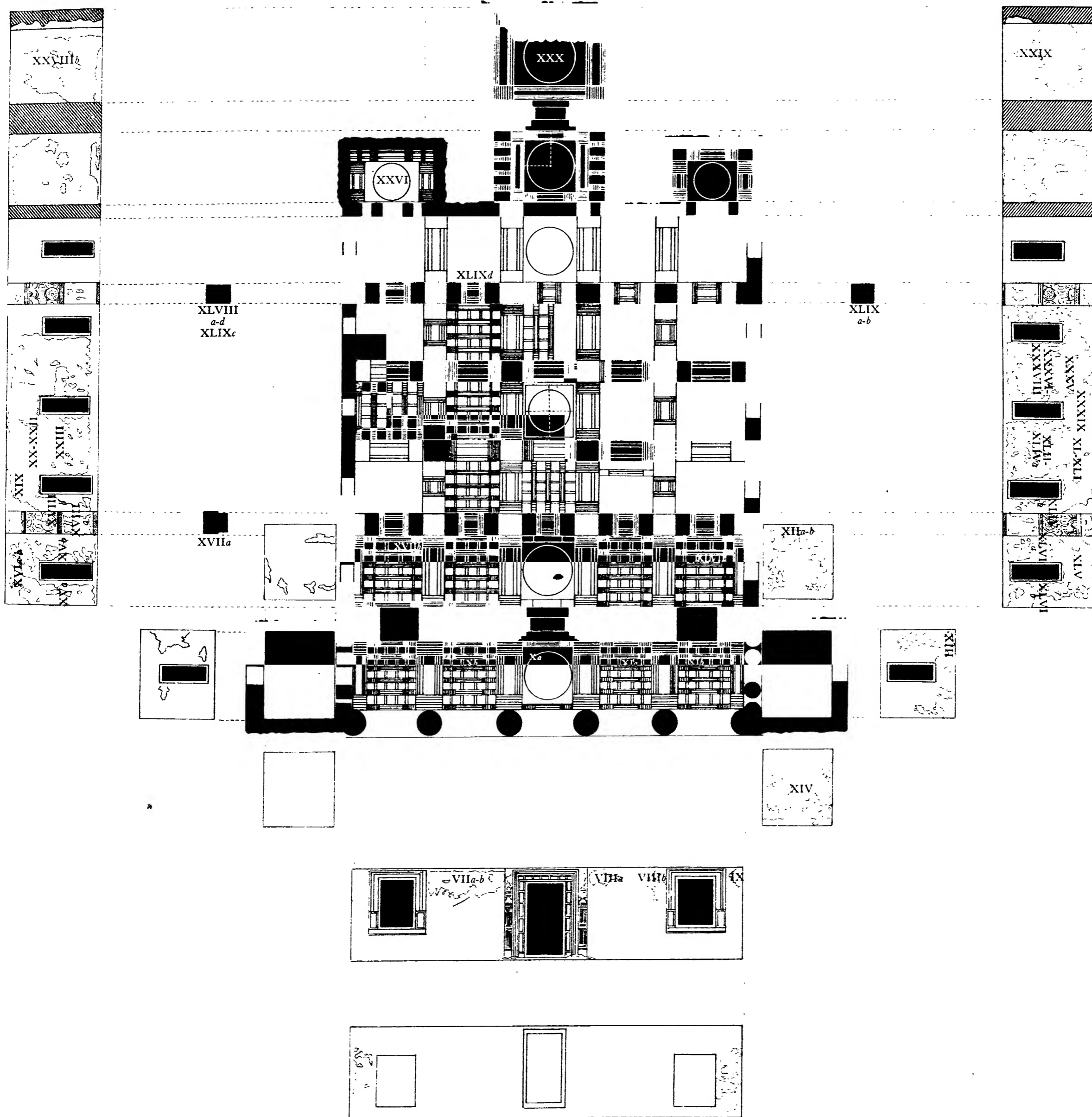
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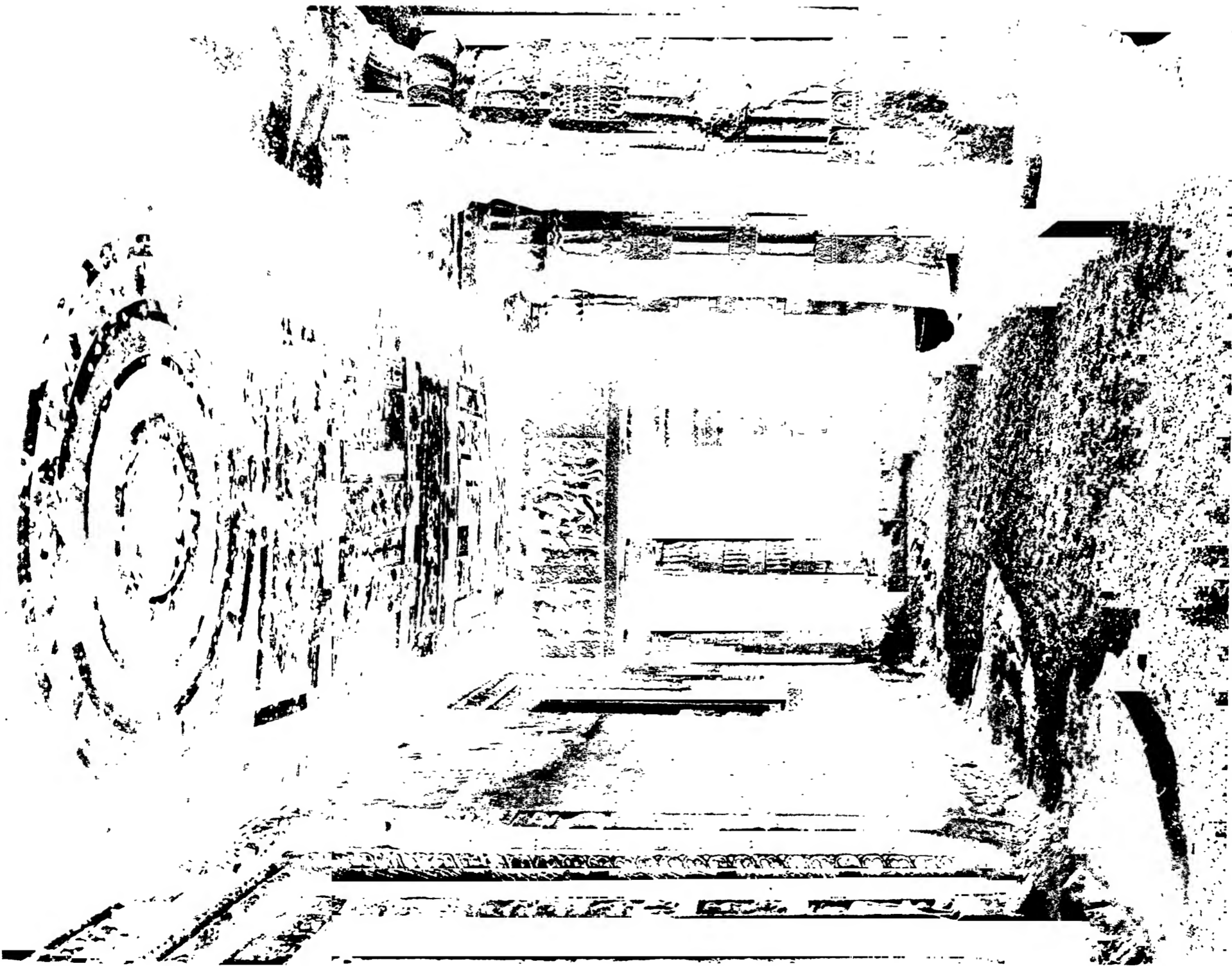
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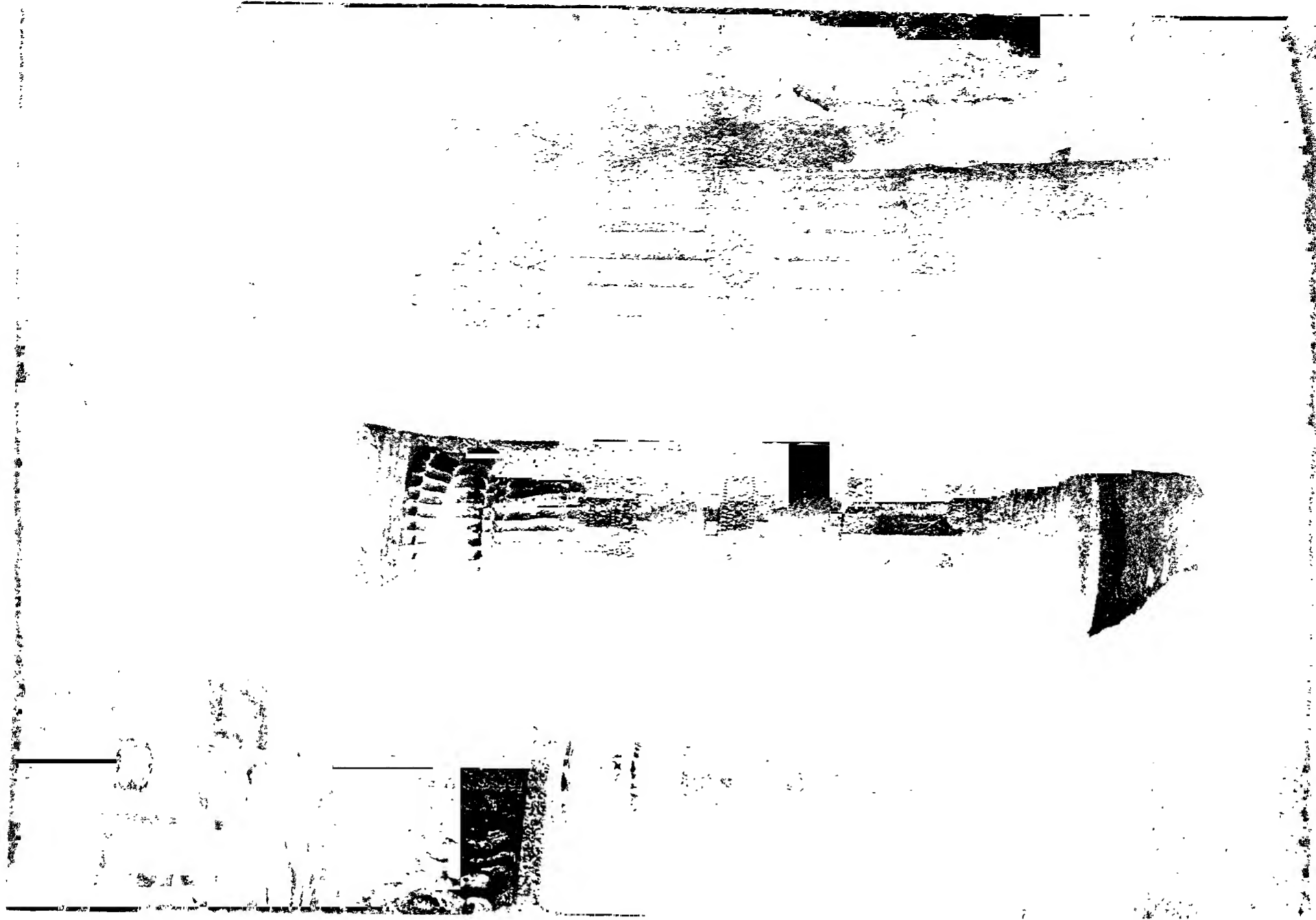


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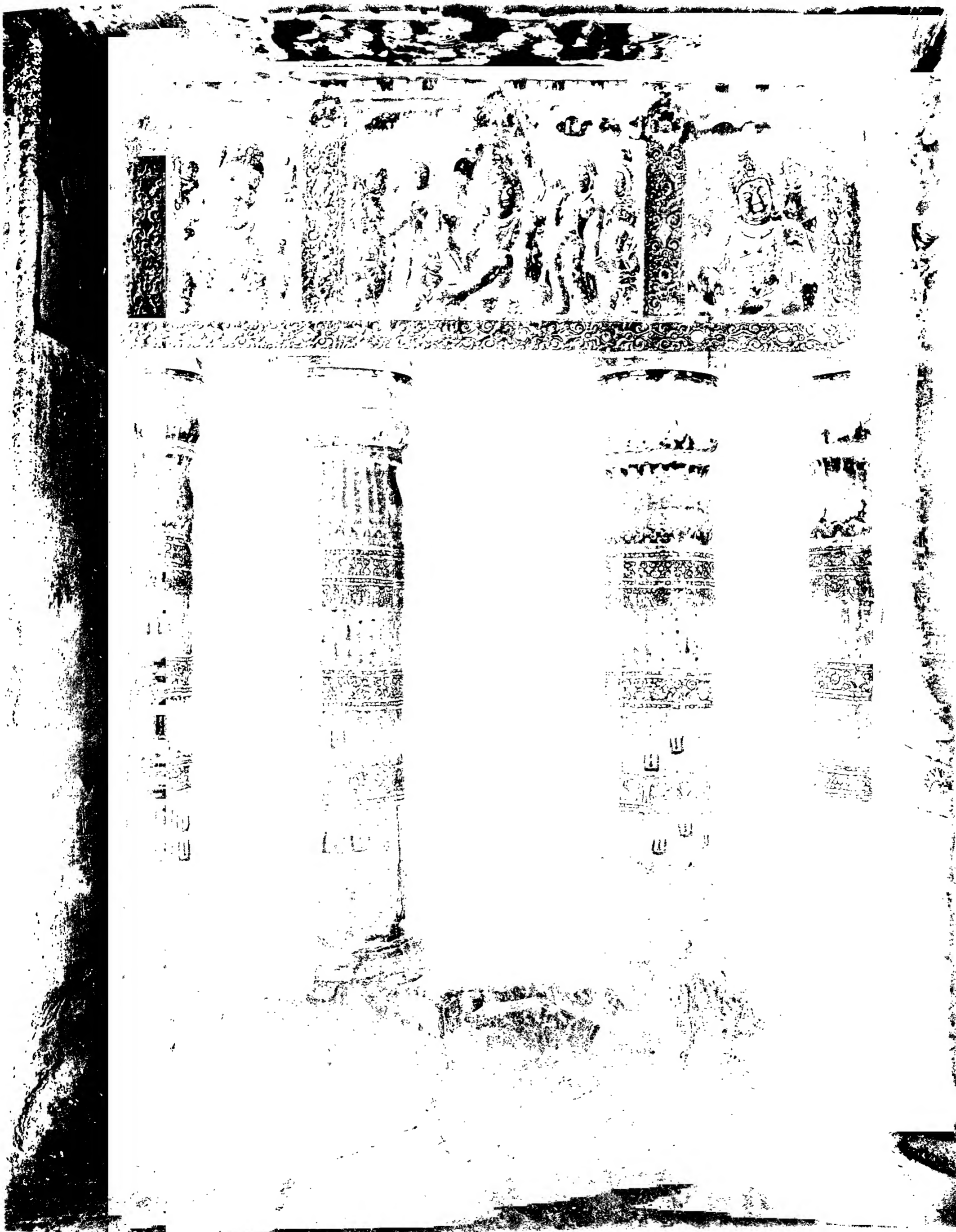


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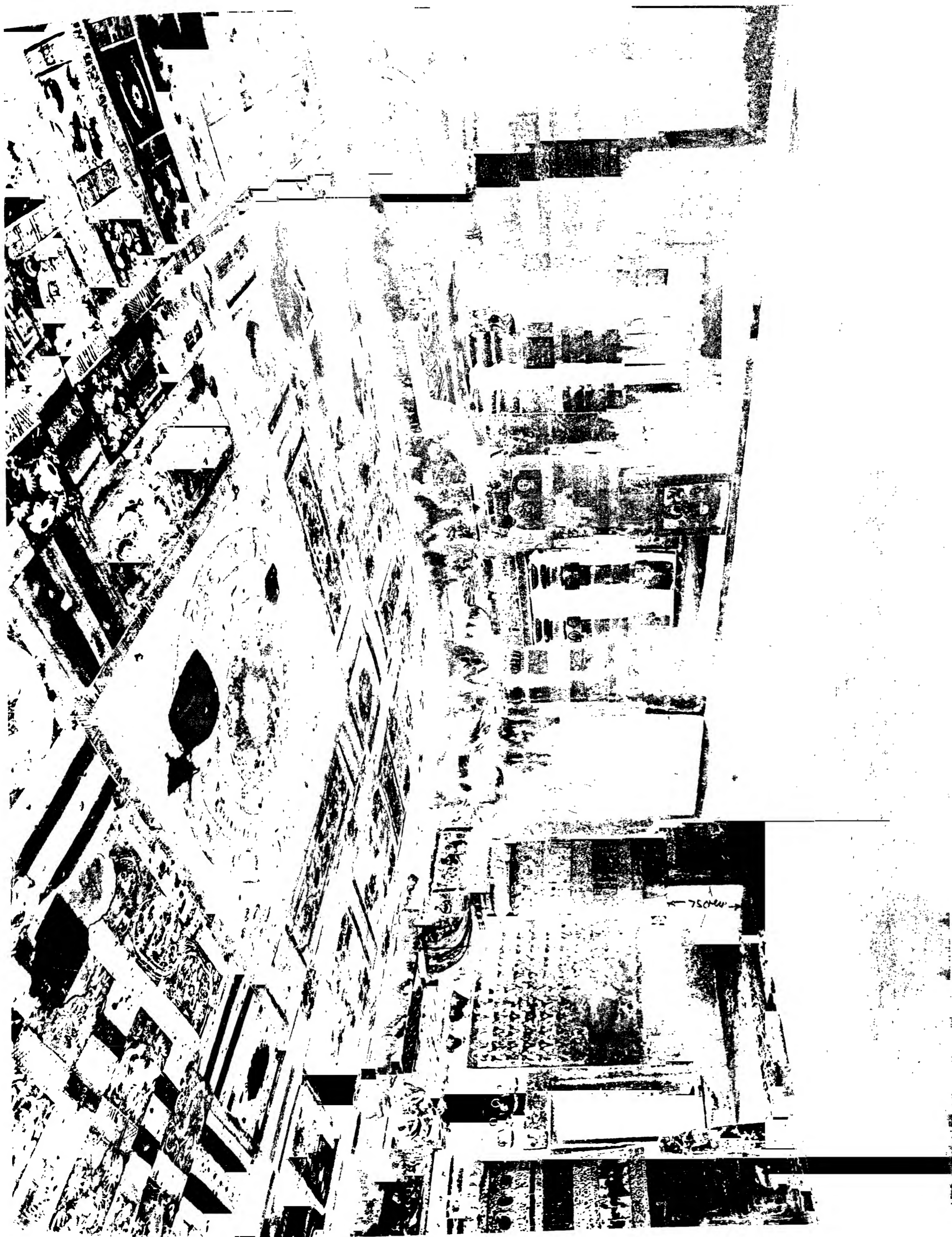
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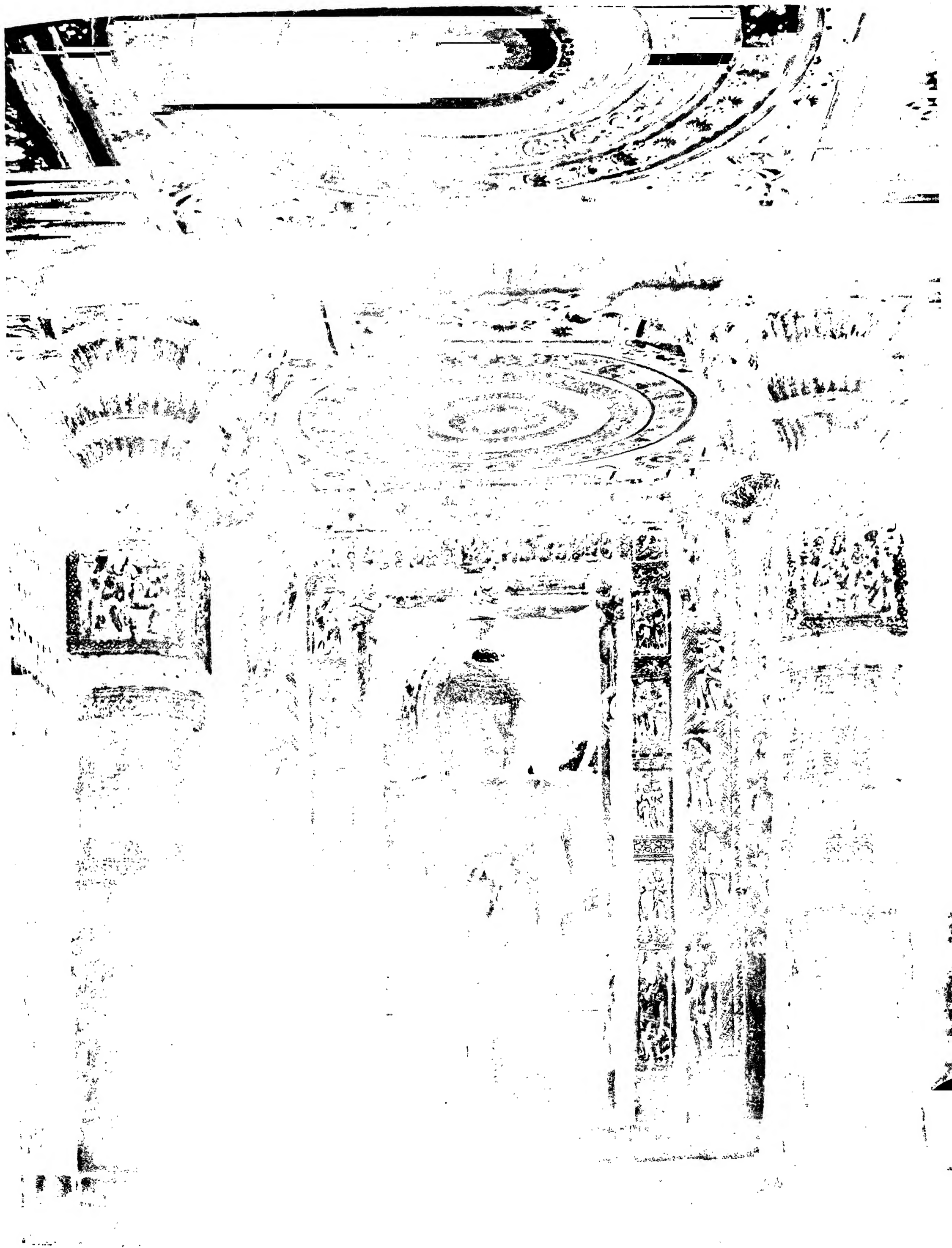
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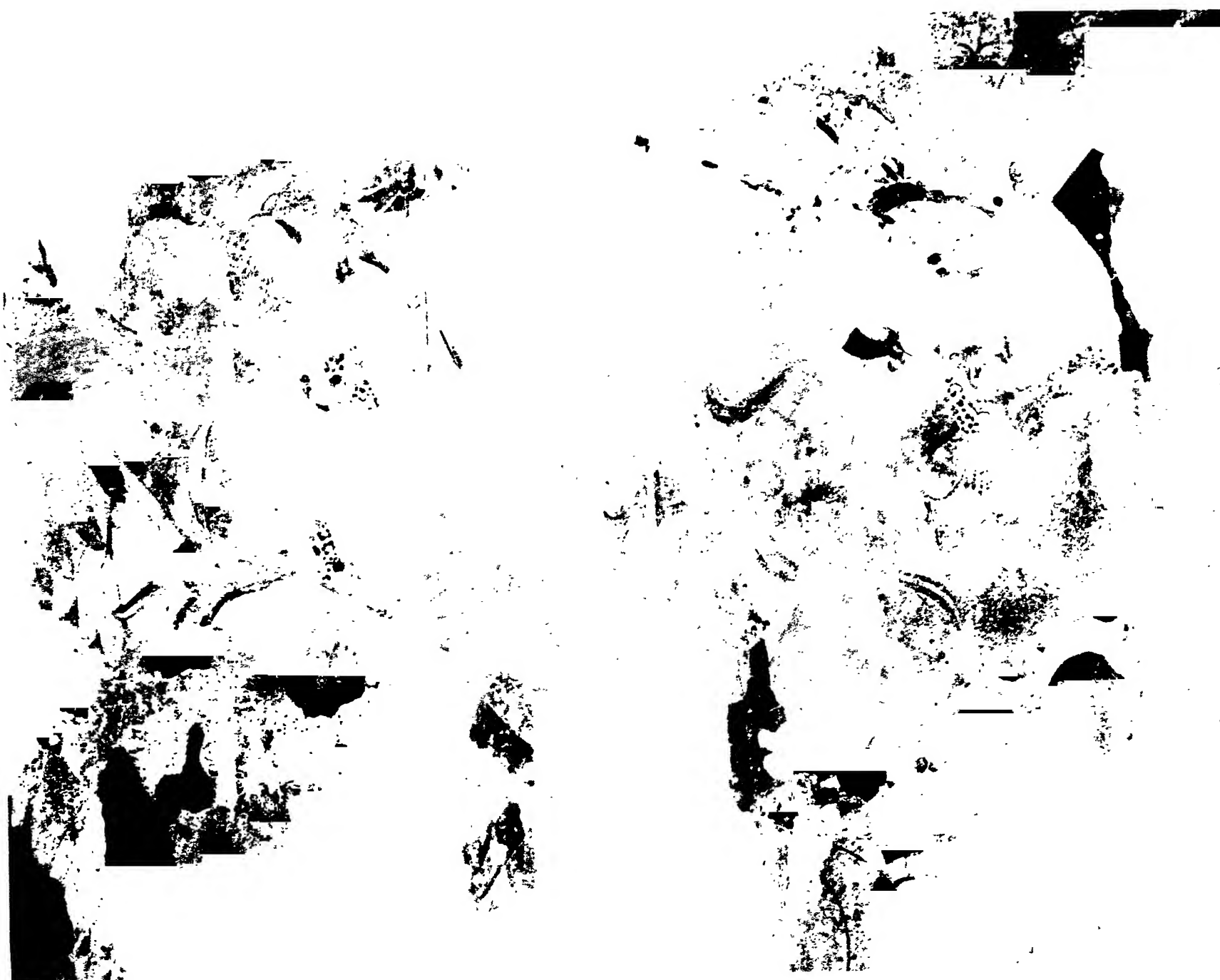
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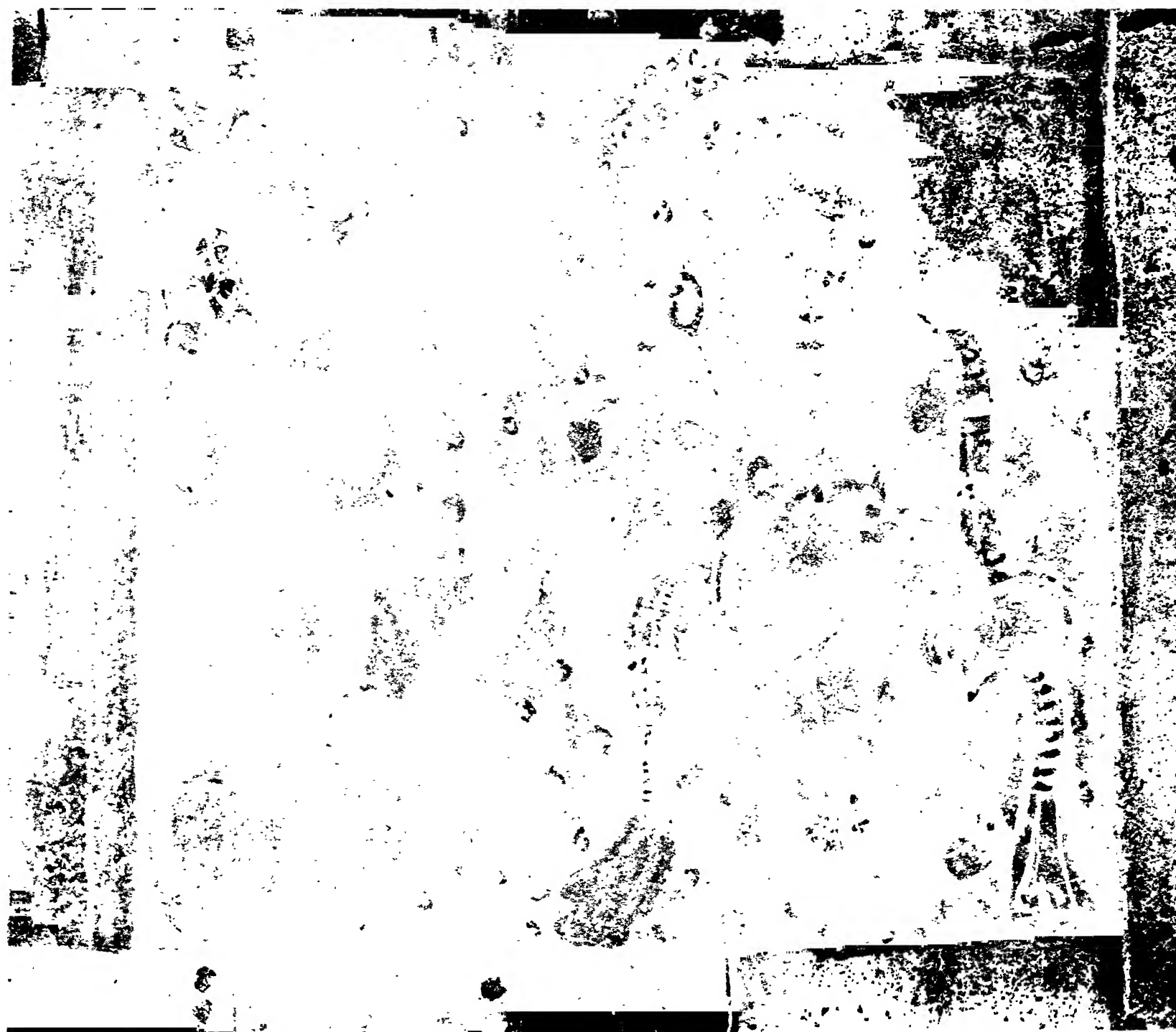


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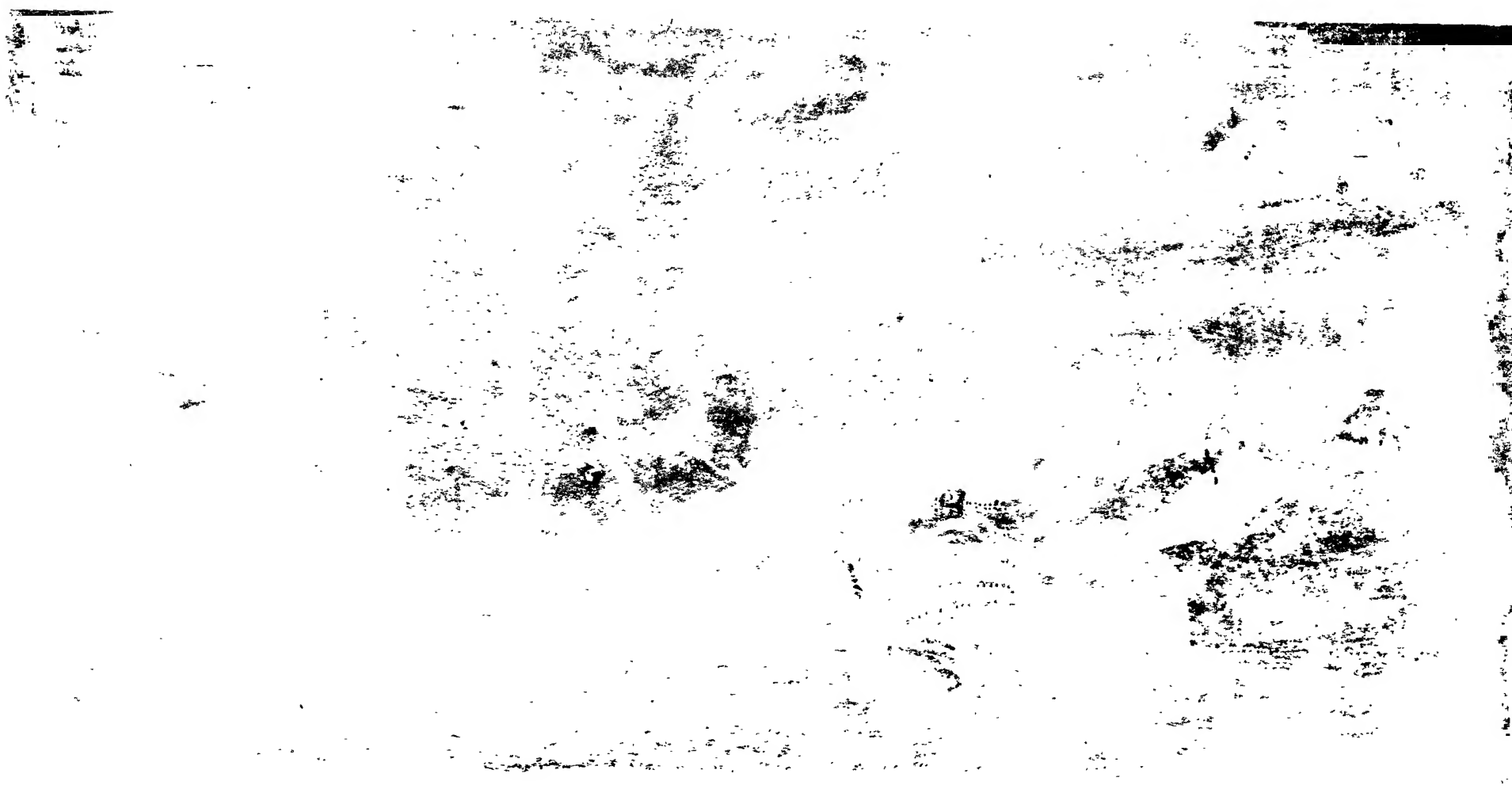


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(b) A FLYING FIGURE (ARHAT)



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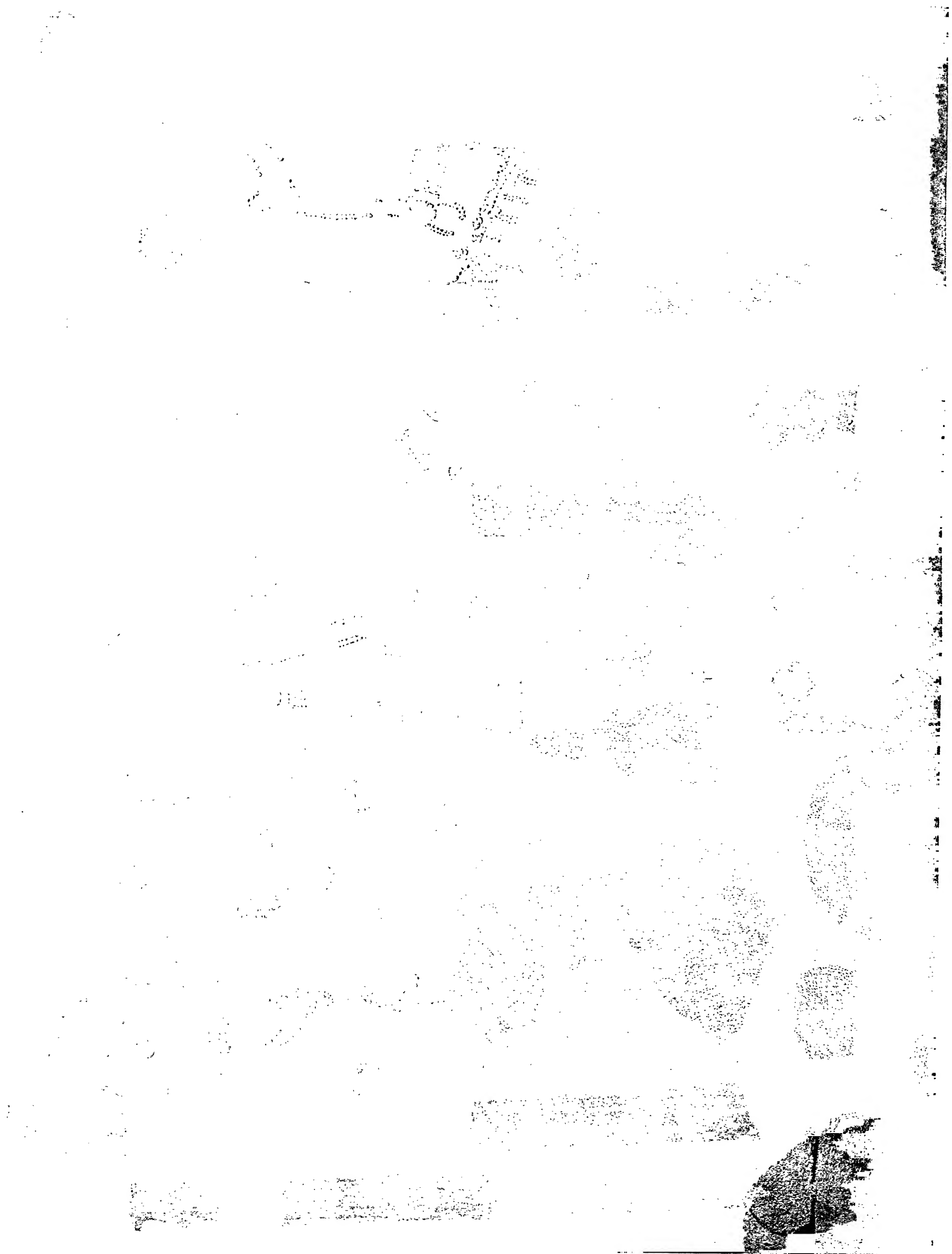




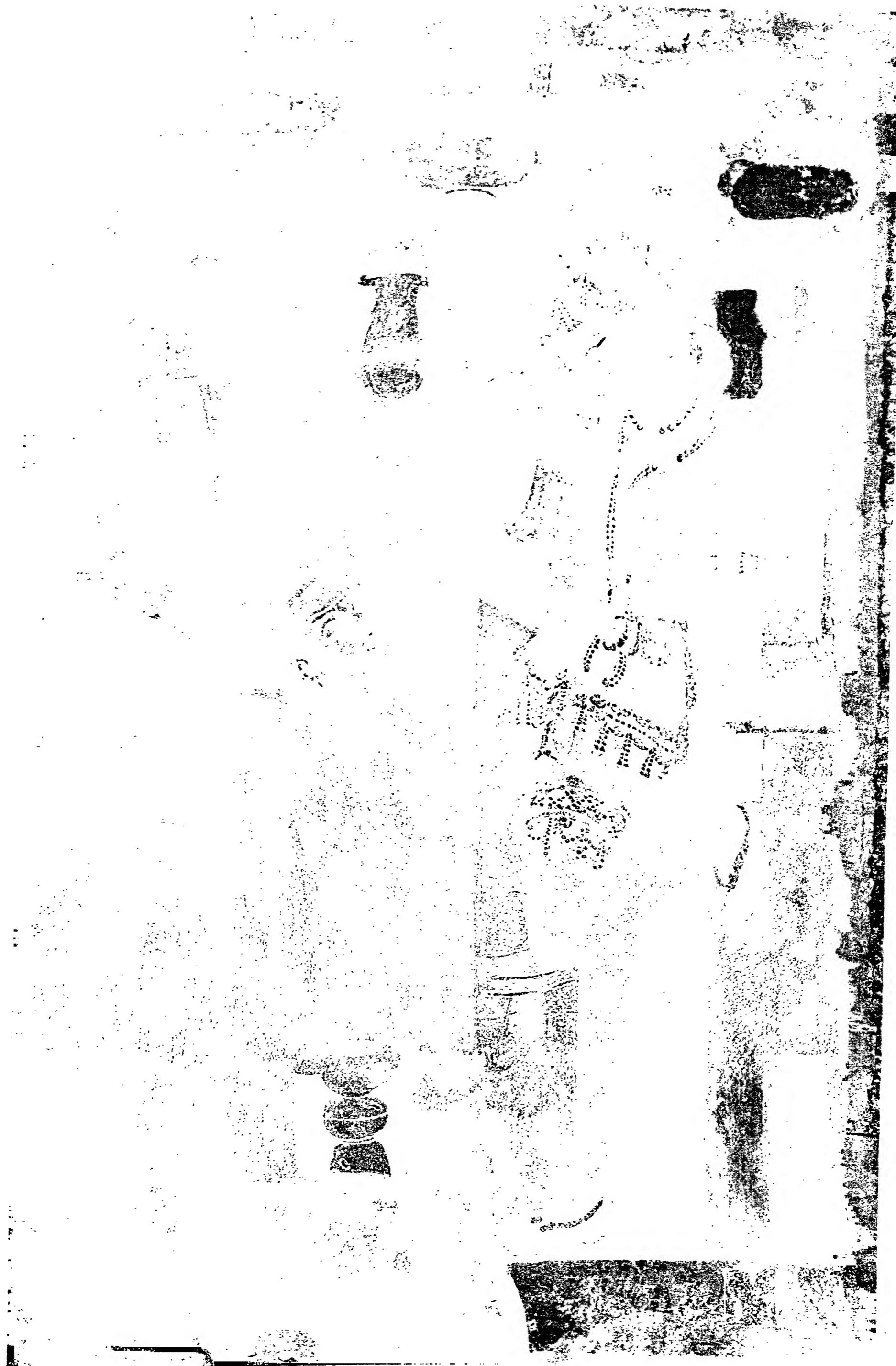
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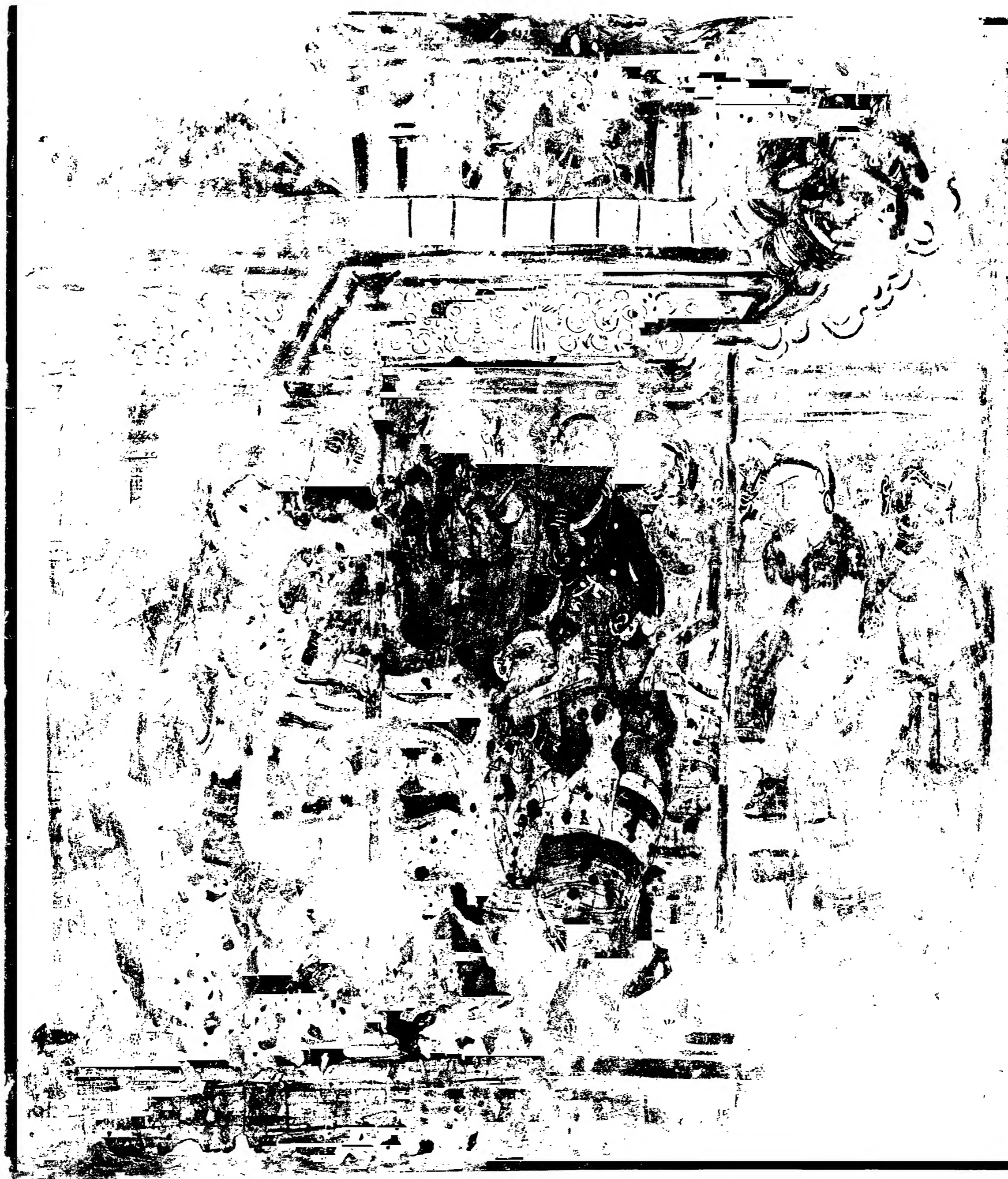
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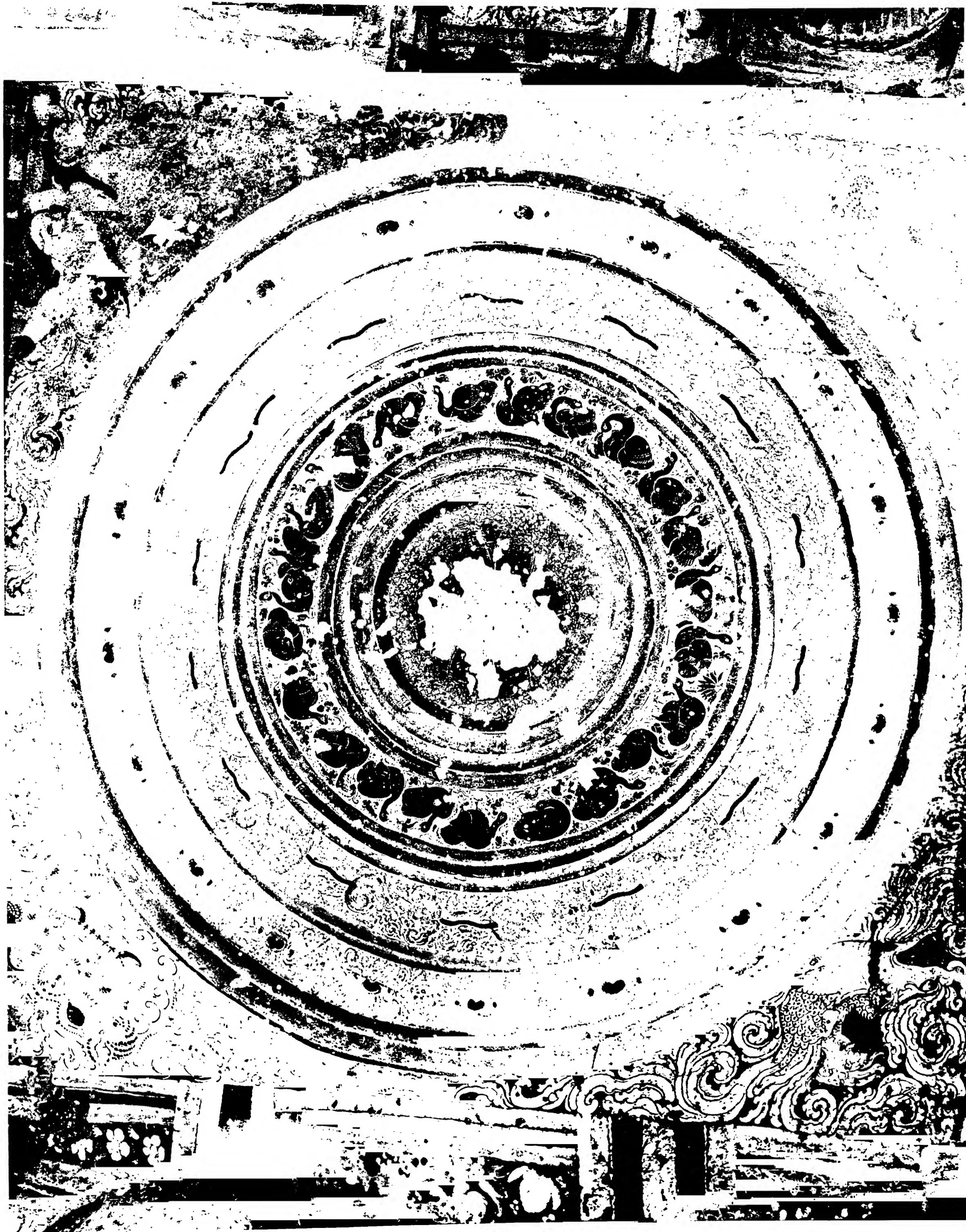
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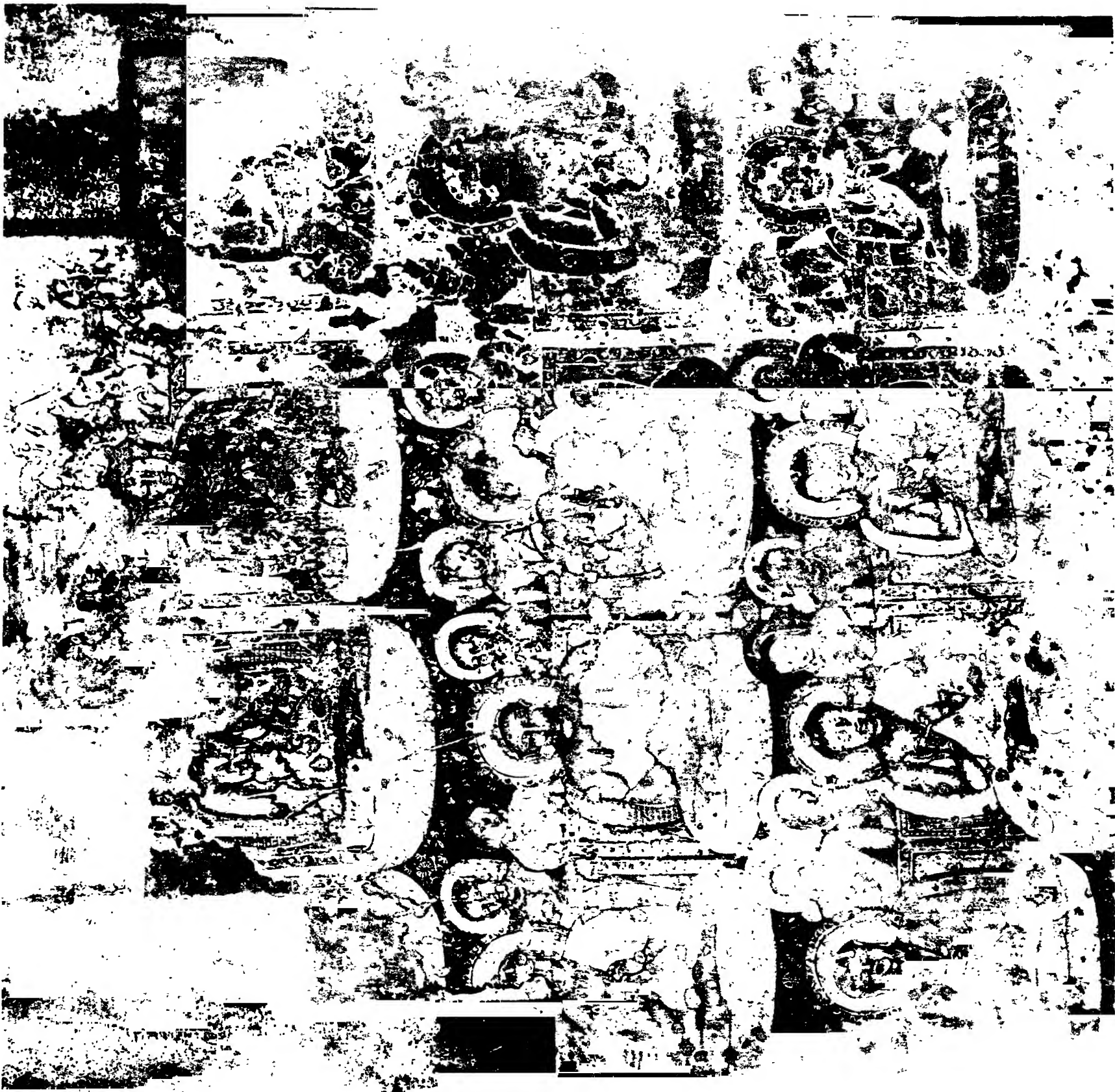
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THE BUDDHA IN VARIOUS ATTITUDES



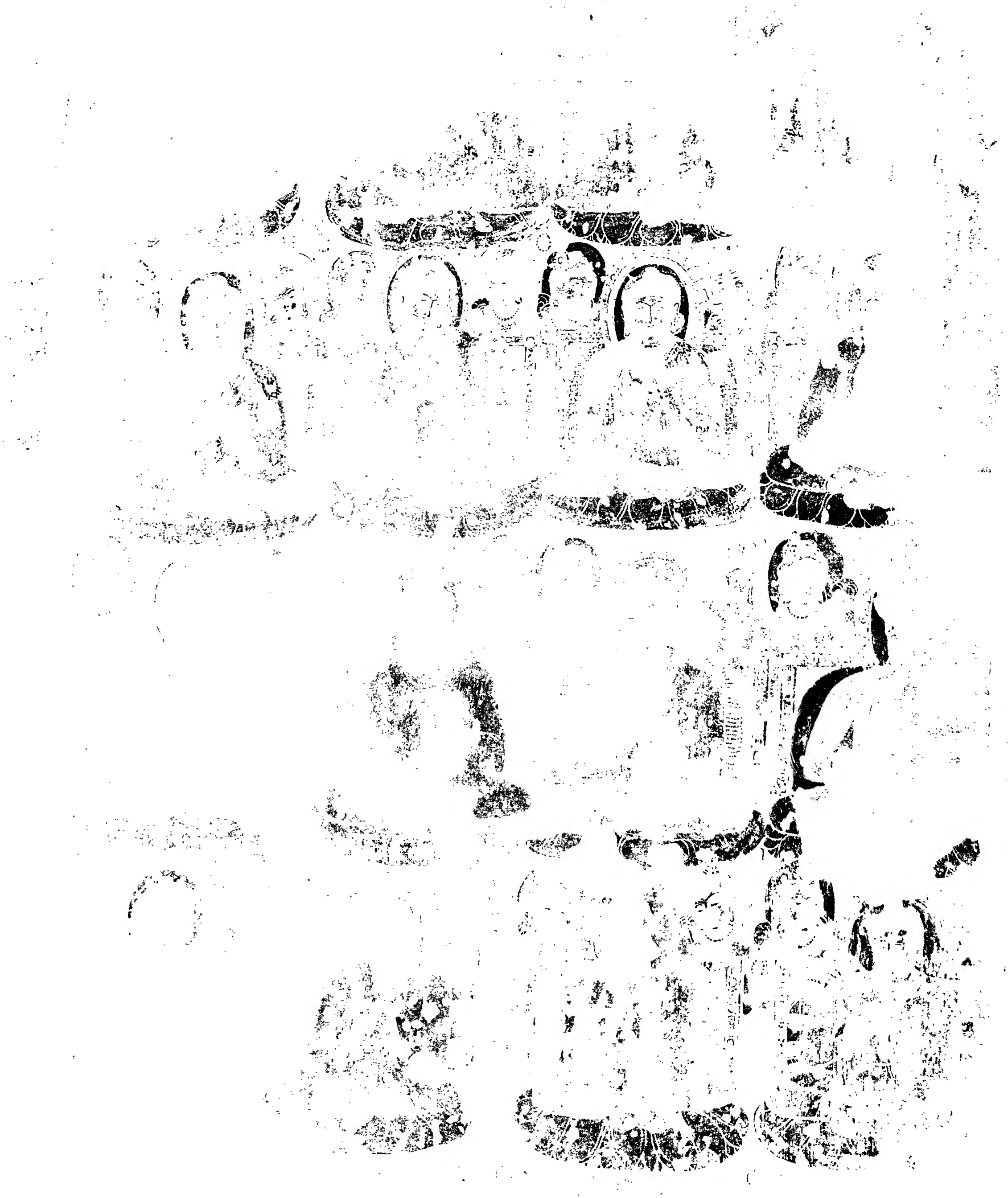


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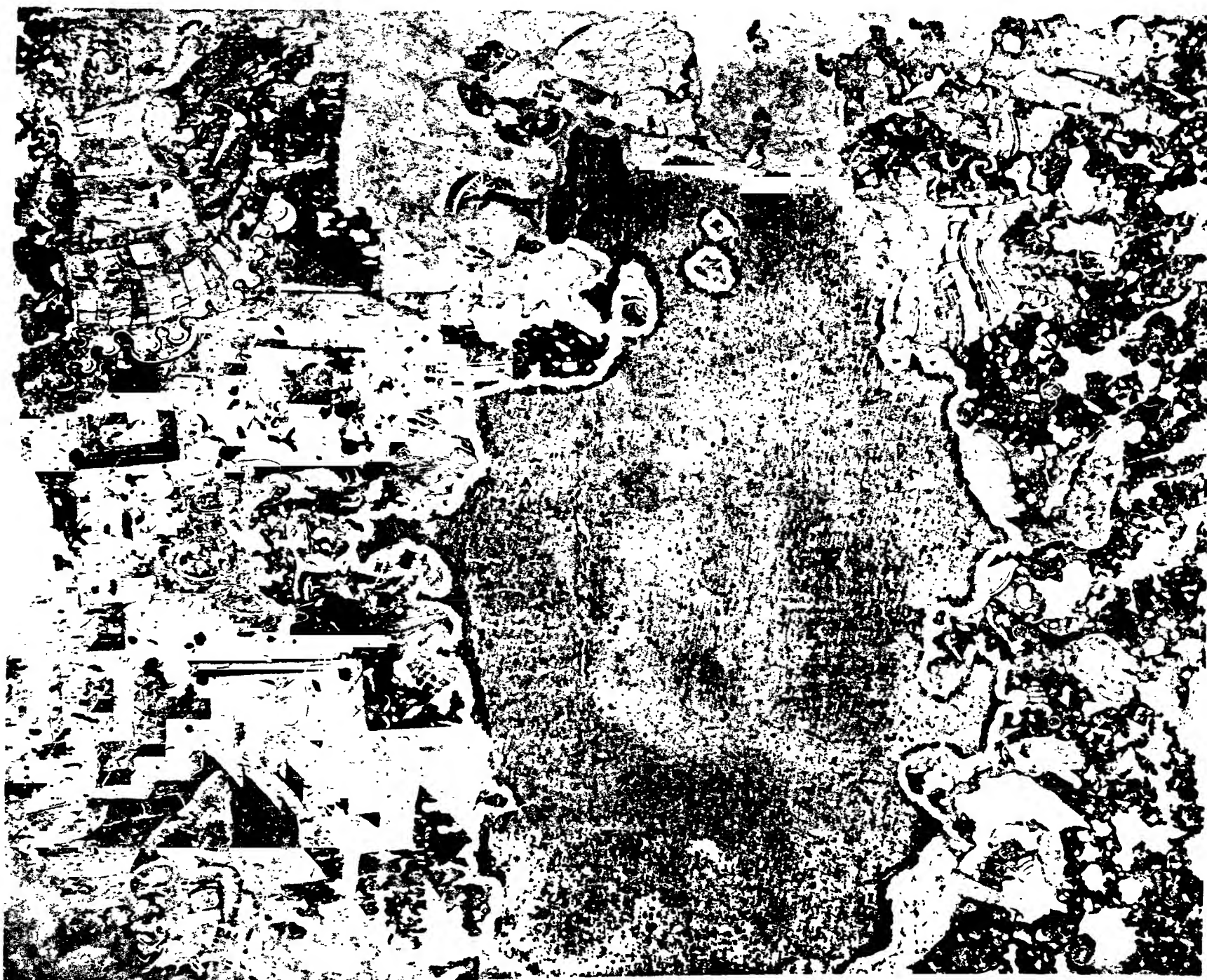
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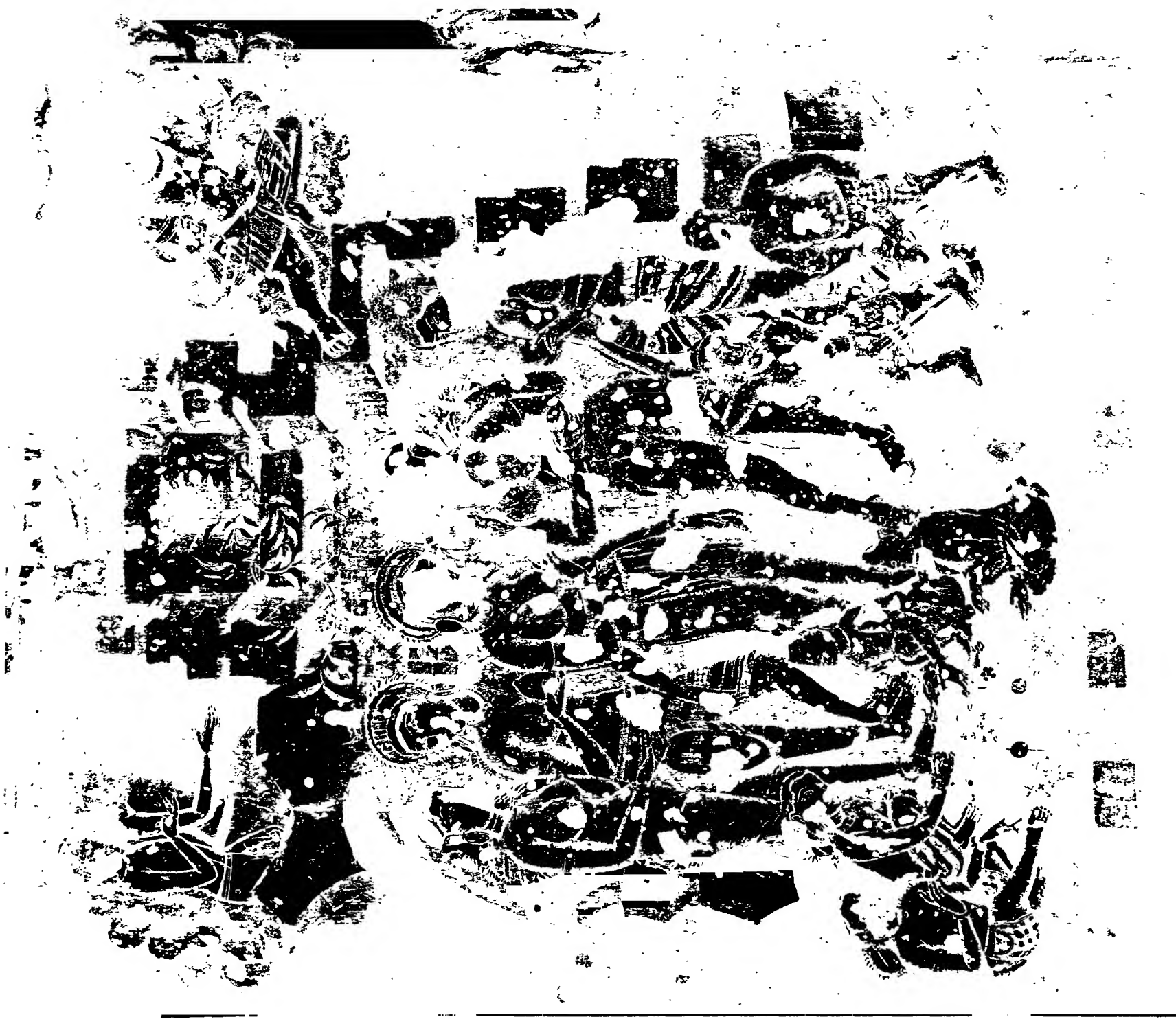
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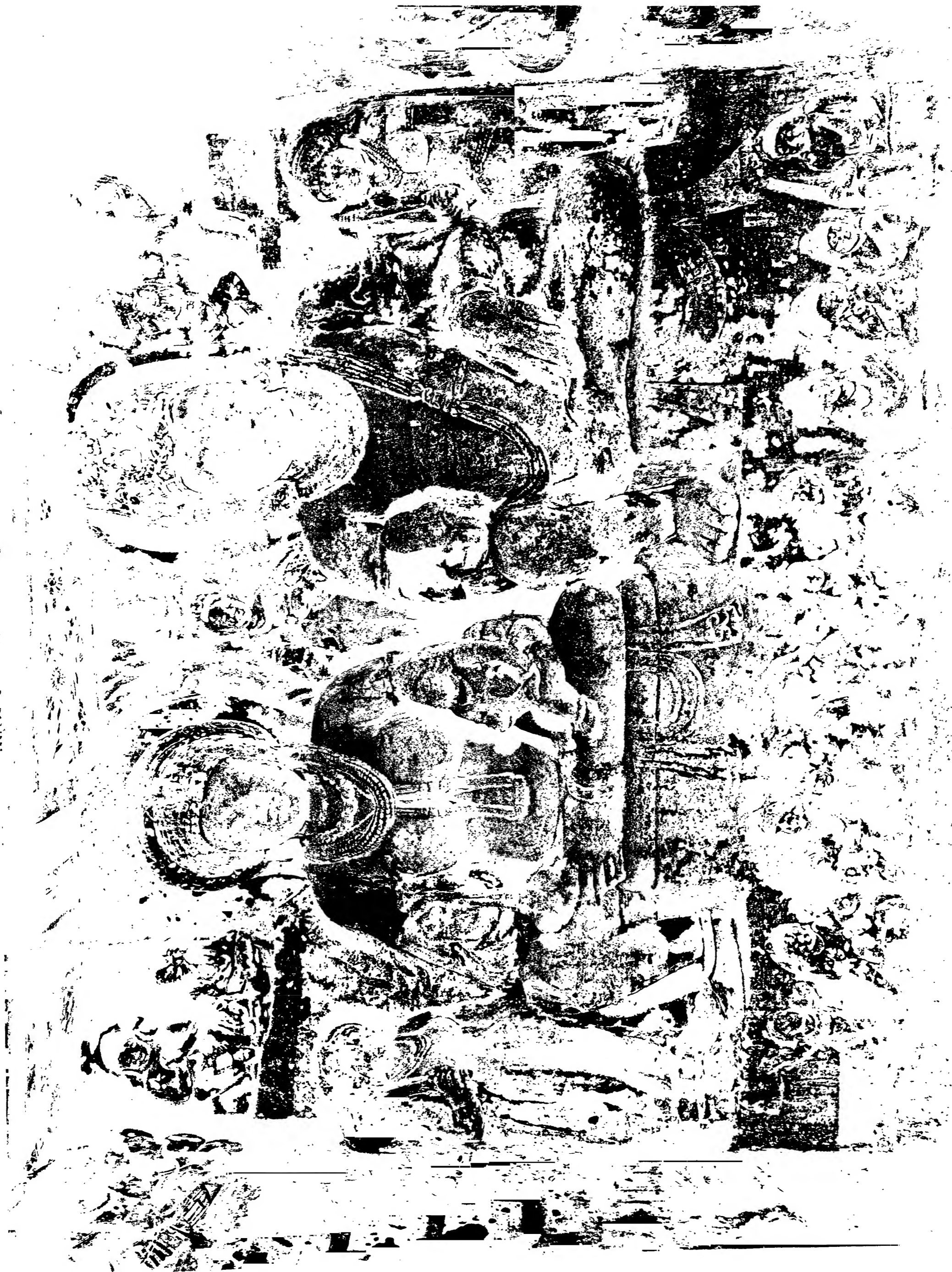


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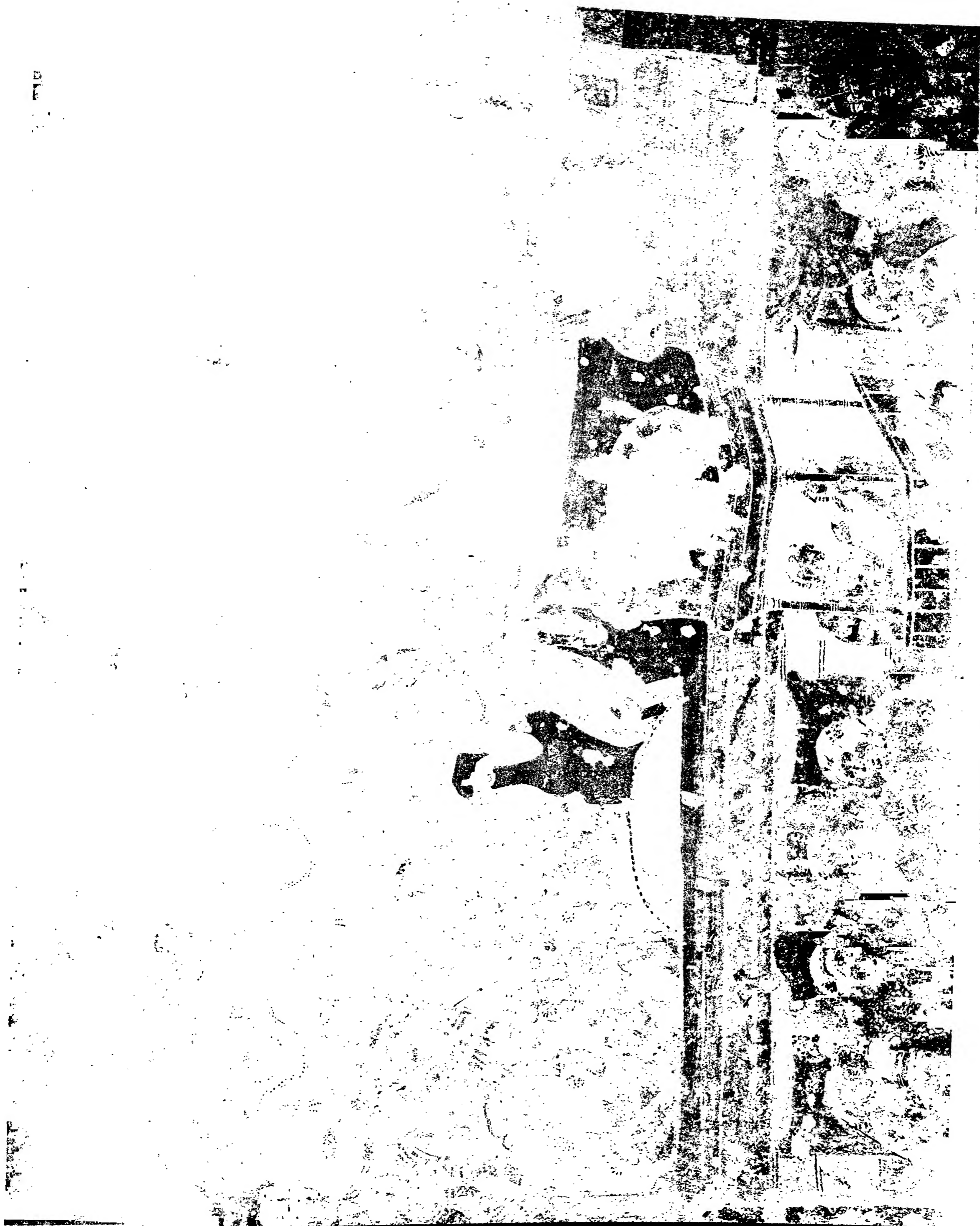
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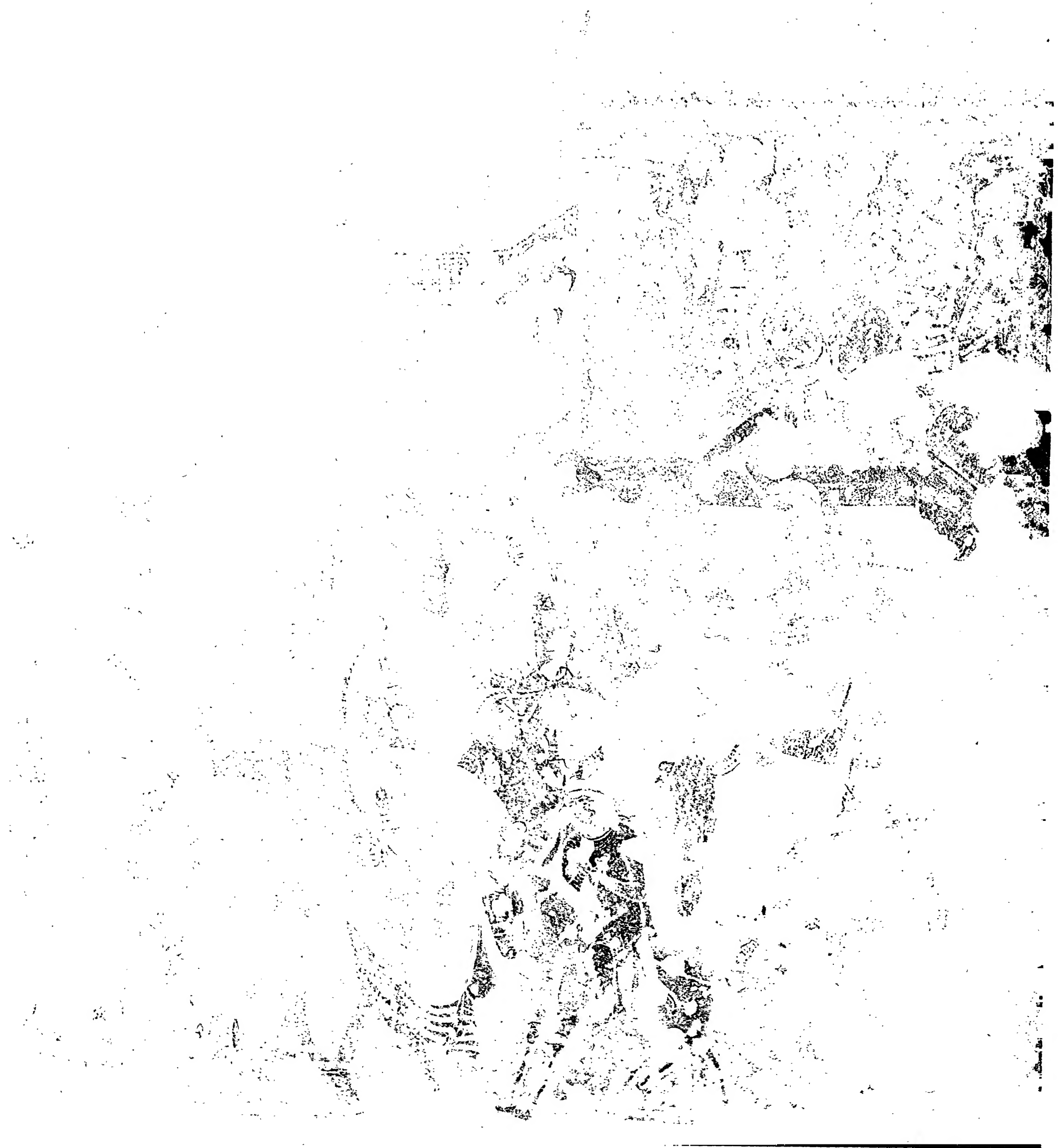


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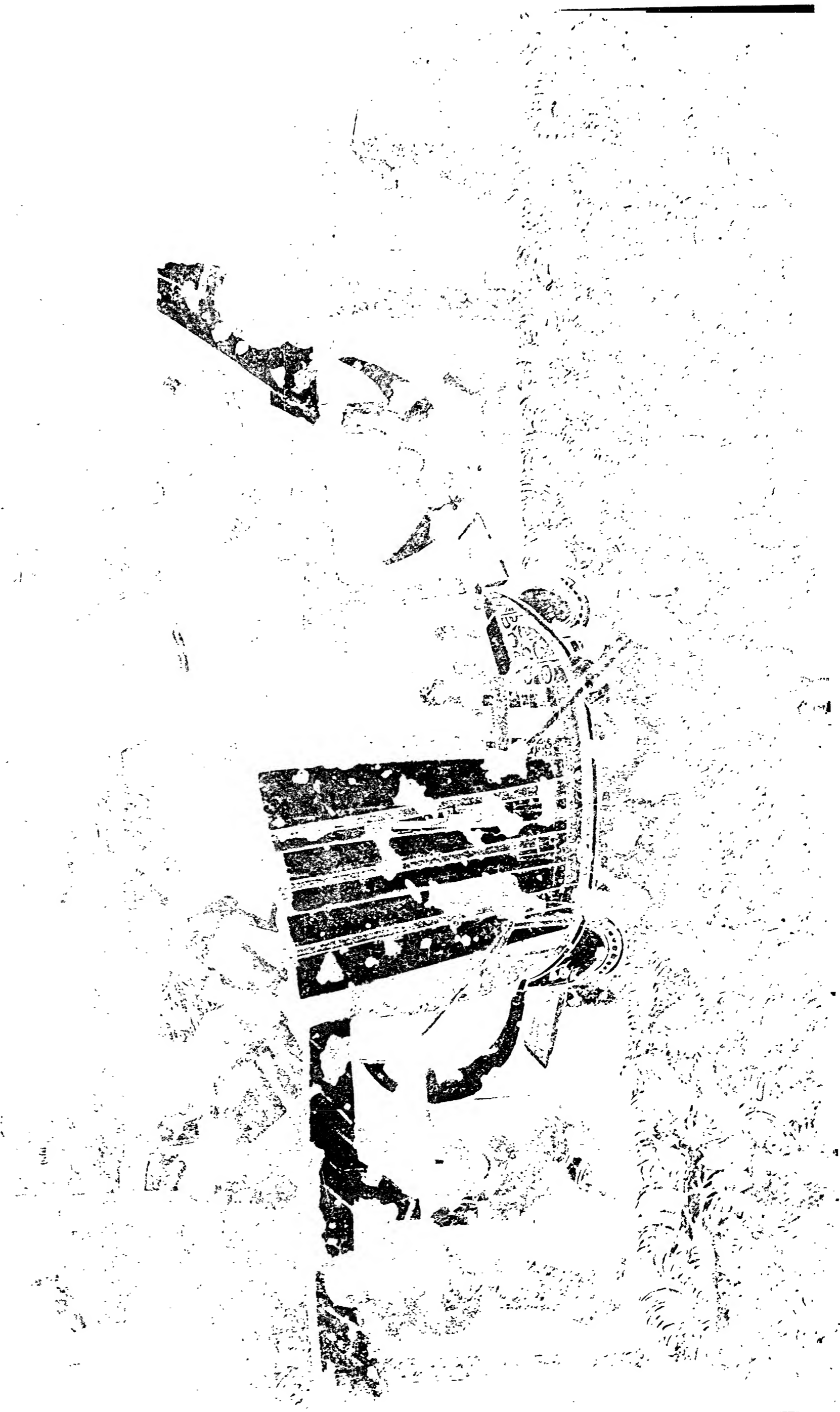
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STORY OF THE SEA-VOYAGE: PURNA AVADANA





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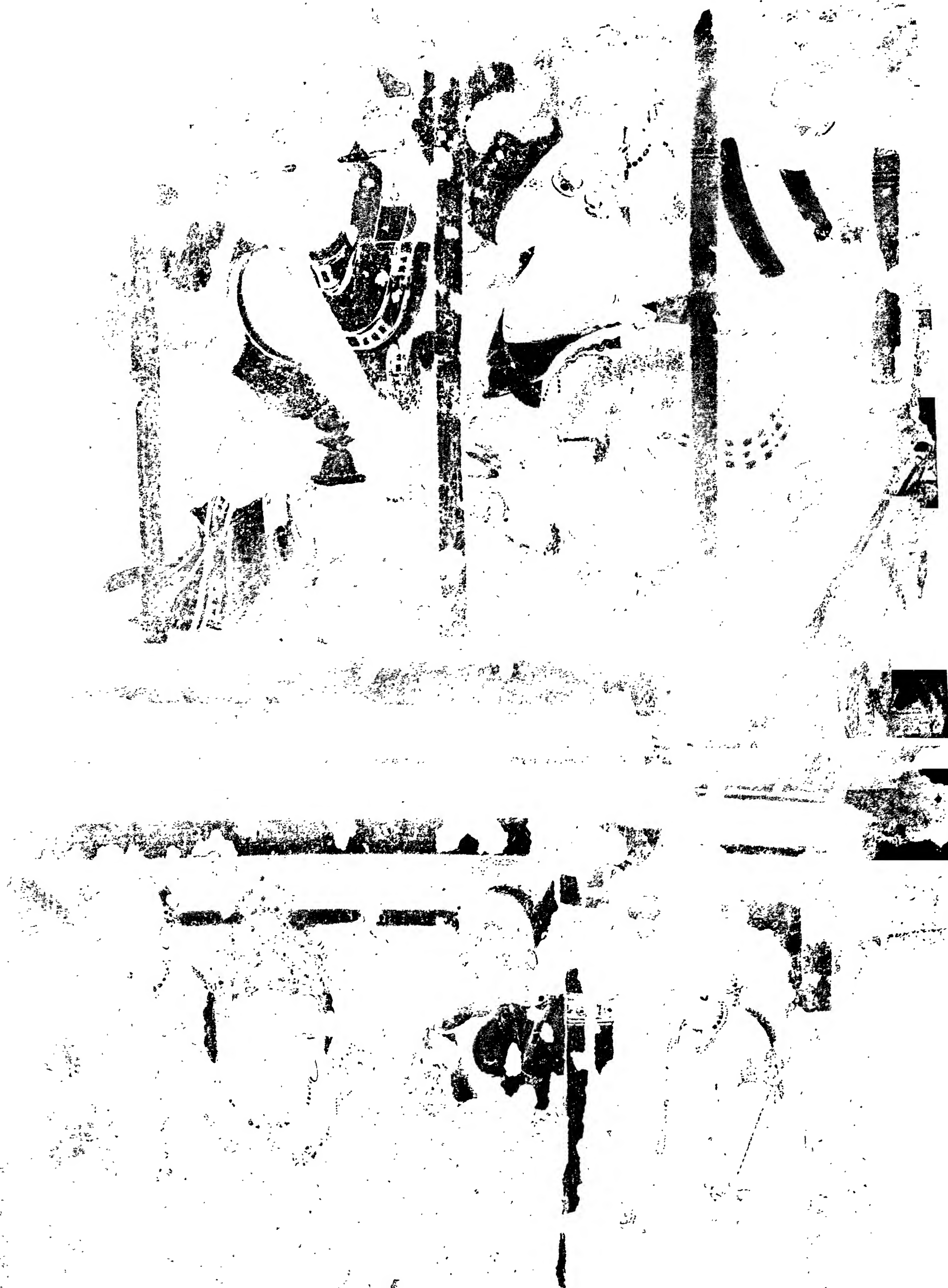


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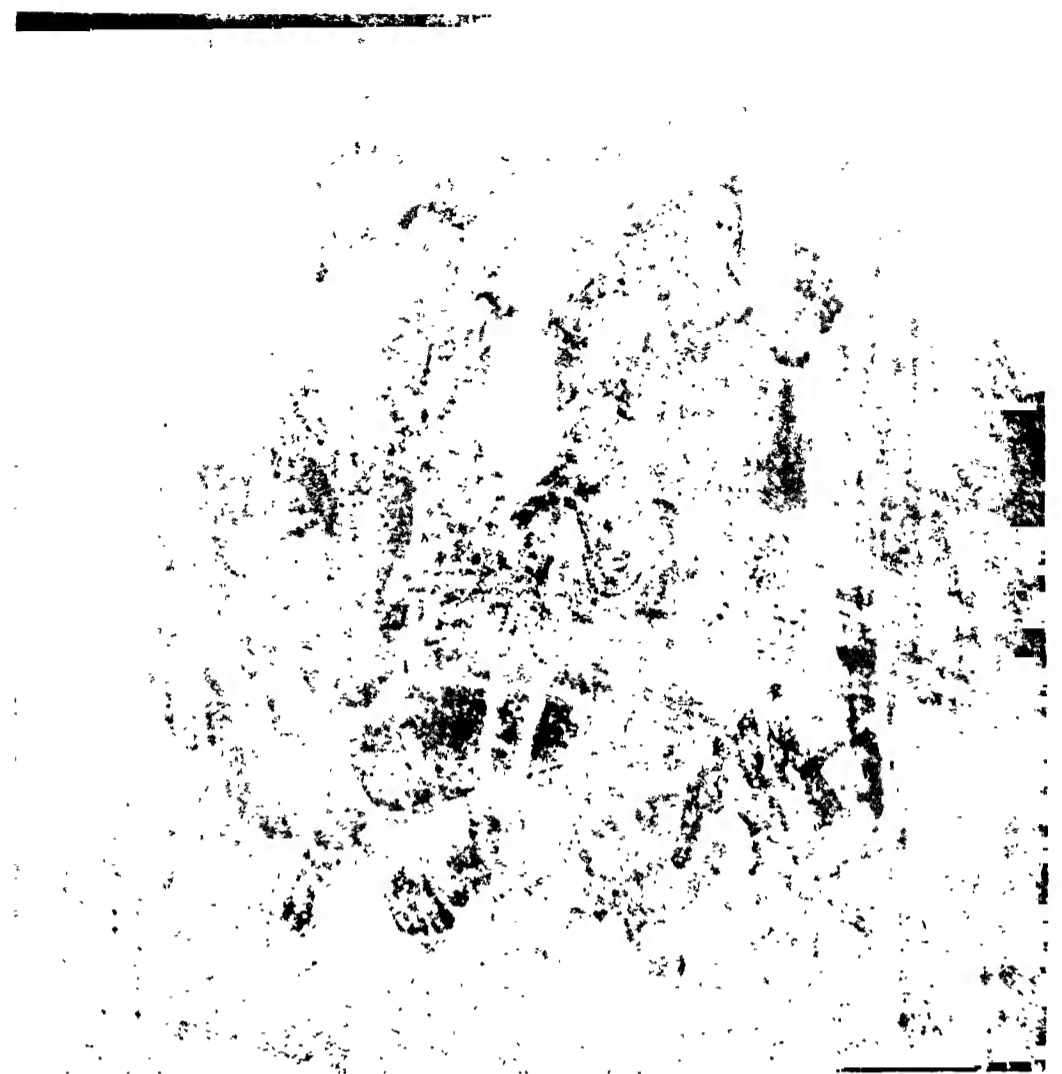
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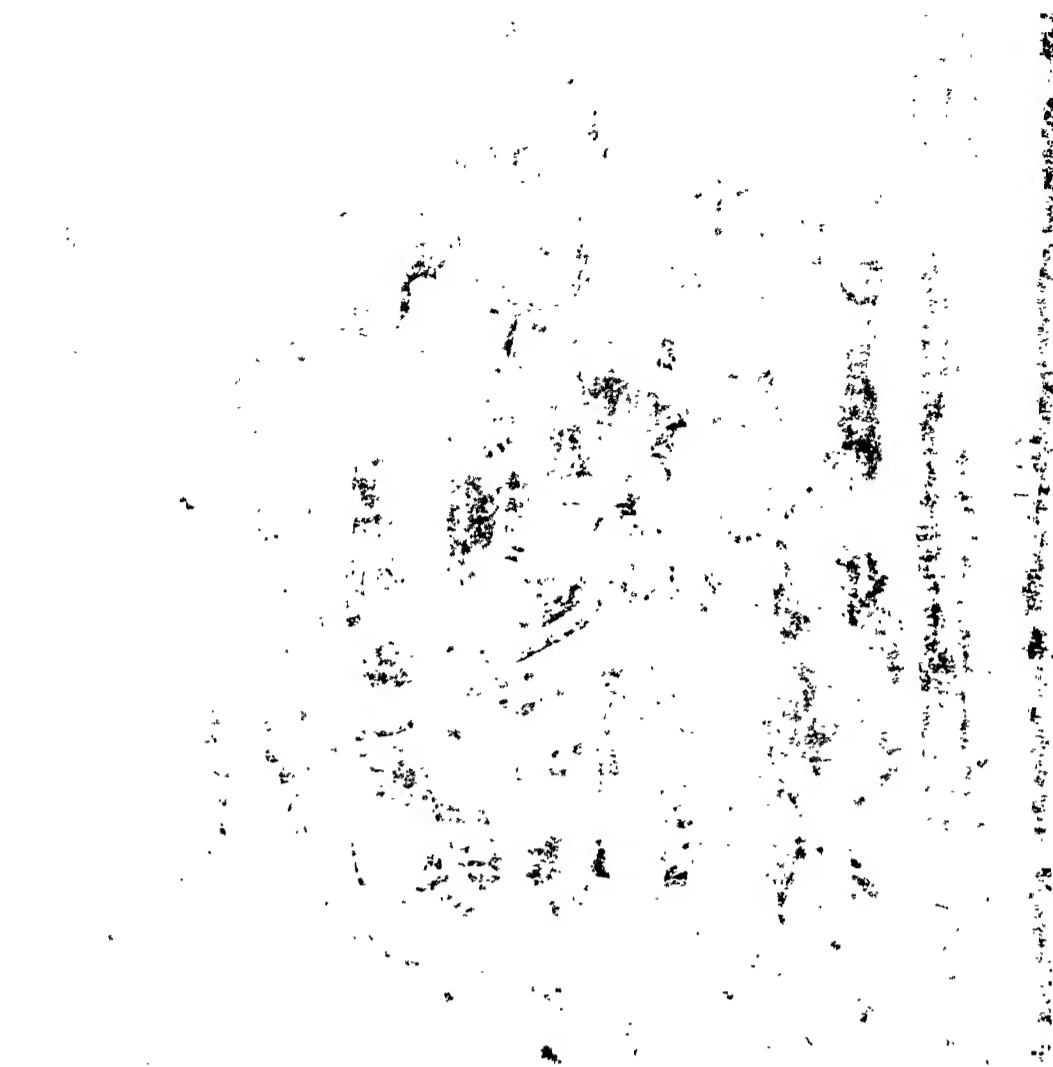


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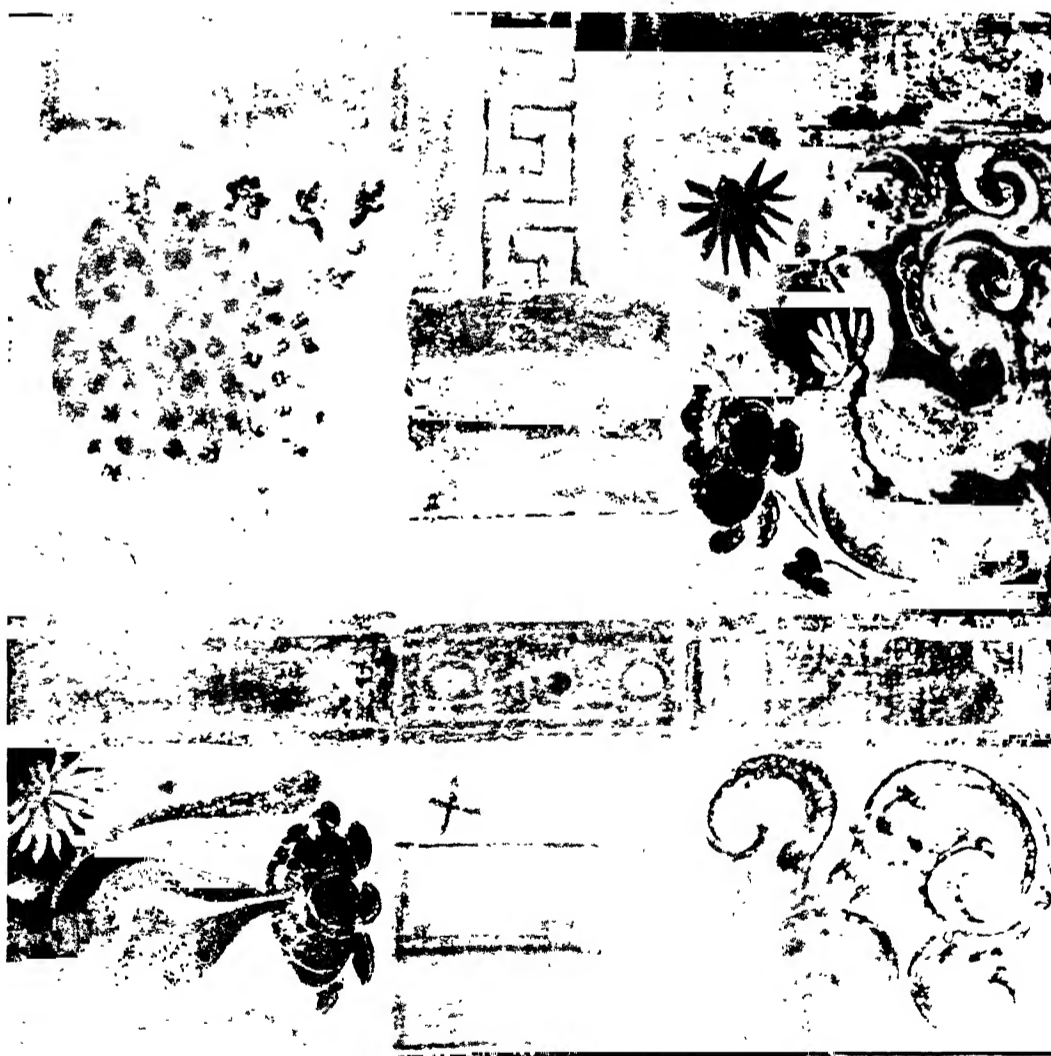
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